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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The rules relating to Government servants under the old Madras Leave Rules and the Madras Special Pay and Allowance Rules is apparently an error for Fundamental Rules. The answer to the question of the hon. Member is : No, the reason being the heavy extra cost involved."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" In the Budget speech of the Hon. Finance Minister, he has stated that he is going to liberalise the leave rules of Government servants. May I know what he is going to do in that regard? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" What I said relates to the leave rules of the last grade servants, Sir."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" May I know the extra cost that would be involved due to this liberalisation? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not have the exact figures. But it will be a considerable amount. Apart from that, Sir, the fundamental rules were framed for the sake of foreigners who served here to suit their conveniences. I do not think that those facilities are necessary for our Government servants."

Mineral ores in T. Puthur, Musiri taluk.

* 67 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether mineral ores containing deposit of gold were found in T. Puthur, Musiri taluk, Tiruchirappalli district in April 1953;

(b) whether any Geologist was appointed to investigate into the matter; and

(c) if so, the result thereof?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) The Collector of Tiruchirappalli reported in March 1953 that during the course of deepening a well in Tandalaiputhur village, Musiri taluk, a metal-like substance was discovered at a depth of 30 feet. Samples of ore were analysed at the Chemical Testing and Analytical Laboratory, Madras and it was reported that no gold was found but that there were traces of iron pysites which appeared as gold. However, the Geological Survey of India have after analysing the samples at their laboratory at Calcutta reported that the samples contained traces of gold. In view of the conflicting opinions, steps are being taken to get the samples analysed at the Kolar Gold Field's Laboratory.

" (b) No, Sir.

" (c) Does not arise in view of the answer to Clause (b) above."

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Sri P. Rangaswami Reddiar :—" May I know whether any excavations were made in the vicinity to see whether there were any deposits of gold or precious stones? "

The Hon. Dr. U. Krishna Rao :—" First of all, we must be satisfied whether what we have found contains gold or other precious materials. We have sent it for examination. As and when the report is received, we will consider the suggestion of the hon. Member."

Perintalmanna hospital in Malabar.

* 68 *Q.*—Sri O. Koran : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the management of the Perintalmanna hospital was taken over by the Government from the Malabar District Board; and

(*b*) what are the improvements that have been made in the hospital by the Government since then?

The Hon. Sri A. B. Shetty :—" (*a*) 19th November 1952.

" (*b*) No improvement has been made so far."

Sri O. Koran :—" May I know whether Government have any proposal to extend the building so as to accommodate a large number of patients? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. Shetty :—" Increase in the number of in-patients was seen only in the year 1953. The Director of Medical Services will have to send proposals for inclusion in the next buget regarding the increase in the bed strength of the hospital and employment of additional staff. The proposals will then be duly considered."

Sri M. Narayana Kurup :—" Demands are made to Government to take over Local Fund Hospitals so that they could make necessary improvements. Is it to discourage such a demand from the people that Government are making no improvements in the institutions which they had taken over? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. Shetty :—" No, Sir. As and when it is found necessary to increase the bed strength or to provide additional staff in these hospitals, proposals are made by the Director of Medical Services and they are considered in connection with Part II schemes for inclusion in the Budget."

Sri Kunhi Mohamed Shafee :—" May I know whether the Government have taken steps to implement the recommendations of the Director of Medical Services when he visited the hospital in the year 1950–51? When a question was put to the Hon. Minister during the last session, he gave an affirmative answer. May I know what has been done since then? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. Shetty :—" I cannot on this occasion say what question was put to me in the last session and what answer I gave."